

Agriculture is the Leading Industry in North Dakota

- North Dakota agriculture is a \$3.8 billion industry.
- Production agriculture is the largest sector of North Dakota's economy, making up 25% of the economic base.
- Nearly 24% of North Dakota workers are farmers and ranchers or are employed in farm-related jobs.
- North Dakota consumers only spend 11 percent of their gross income on food, compared to 17 percent in Germany, 51 percent in India, and 24 percent in Mexico.
- North Dakota farms provide food and habitat for 75 percent of the state's wildlife.
- North Dakota has 30,300 farms and ranches. The average size of a North Dakota farm is 1,300 acres.
- 39.4 million acres - nearly 90 percent of North Dakota's land area - is in farms and ranches.
- It takes just 38 days for most Americans to earn enough money to pay for their yearly food supply.
- North Dakota farmland would cover 12 million city blocks.
- Farmers and ranches receive only 20¢ out of every dollar that you spend on food at home and away from home. In 1980 farmers received 31¢.

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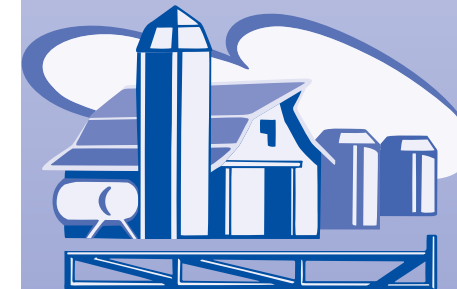


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North Dakota's Top 5 Agriculture Exports

Wheat and products	\$311 million
Soybeans and products	\$117 million
Sunflower seed and oil	\$105 million
Vegetables and preparation	\$ 98 million
Feed grains and products	\$ 82 million

Did you Know?

North Dakota farmers and ranchers annually produce enough:

- [Wheat](#) for 17 billion 1-pound loaves of bread
- [Soybeans](#) to make 173 billion crayons
- [Potatoes](#) for 232 million servings of french fries
- [Durum](#) for 90 servings of pasta for every American
- [Beef](#) for 121 million hamburgers
- [Wool](#) for 625,000 sweaters
- [Milk](#) for 1.3 billion glasses
- [Pork](#) for 49 million pork chops
- [Sunflowers](#) to fill over 400 million bags of sunflower seeds
- [Corn](#) to sweeten 32 billion cans of pop
- [Canola](#) to fill the ND State Capitol tower more than 20 times

North Dakota leads the nation in the production of the following commodities:

First

2001 Percent of the U.S.

Flaxseed	95%
Canola	90%
Durum Wheat	65%
Navy Beans	57%
Pinto Beans	47%
Spring Wheat	46%
Dry Edible Peas	46%
Sunflower	44%
Barley	32%
All Dry Edible Beans	32%
Oats	13%

Second

All Wheat	15%
Honey	14%

Third

Lentils	21%
Sugarbeets	17%

What is a Farmer?

An Entrepreneur
A Soil Conservationist
A Mechanical Engineer
An Animal Caretaker
A Bookkeeper
A Computer Programmer
A Financial Planner
A Community Leader
An Environmentalist
An Accountant
A Business Person

Where Does Your Food Dollar Go?

Off Farm

Repairs	1.5¢
Other Costs	2¢
Interest	2.5¢
Energy	3.5¢
Rent	4¢
Transportation	4¢
Business Taxes and Depreciation	7¢
Profits and Advertising	8¢
Packaging	8.5¢
Labor	39¢

On Farm

Farmers and Ranchers	20¢
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Technology on America's Farms

- [Computers](#) are used on 90.7% of today's farms.
- The [Internet](#) is accessible on 77.2% of farms.
- 87.4% of farmers own [cellular](#) telephones.
- [Fax machines](#) are used by 51.3% of farmers.
- [On-line purchases](#) are made by 25.5% of farmers.

What's in a Bushel?

Corn	1 Bushel = 56 Pounds
Soybeans	1 Bushel = 60 Pounds
Barley	1 Bushel = 48 Pounds
Wheat	1 Bushel = 60 Pounds